



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
**Two Gateway Center**  
**Newark, NJ 07102**  
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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

PAUL BLEIFER,  
PETITIONER

V.

UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,  
RESPONDENT

) ORDER  
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) BPU DOCKET NO. WC09050390U  
) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC07908-09

Paul E. Bleifer, Fort Lee, New Jersey, Pro se

John P. Wallace, Esq., Ridgewood, New Jersey, on behalf of Respondent

Jessica Campbell, DAG, Division of Law, Newark, New Jersey

**BY THE BOARD:**

On May 15, 2009, Paul E. Bleifer (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board disputing a billing of United Water New Jersey (Respondent).

After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. This matter was assigned to Administrative Law (ALJ) Judge Richard McGill.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and executed a Stipulation of Settlement (Stipulation), which was signed by the parties and was subsequently submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on October 15, 2009, and submitted to the Board on October 21, 2009, ALJ McGill found that the Stipulation was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy and that it met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

Pursuant to the terms of their Stipulation, Respondent agreed to credit the Petitioner's account in the amount of \$16,985.43 with respect to a water bill of \$18,085.43 dated September 11, 2008. In return, Petitioner agreed to pay the balance owed on said account amounting to

\$1,100.00 on or before October 15, 2009, in addition to current water charges when due. Upon payment of the balance due, Respondent will credit Petitioner's account as provided above. Petitioner further agreed that his petition should be withdrawn.


After a review and consideration of the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that, by the terms of the Stipulation, the parties have resolved all outstanding contested issues. Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement of the parties in their entirety as if fully set out herein. This matter is therefore deemed to be WITHDRAWN.

DATED: 11/10/09

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:



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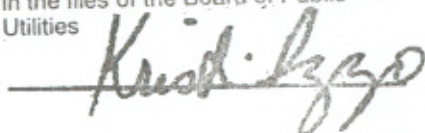
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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

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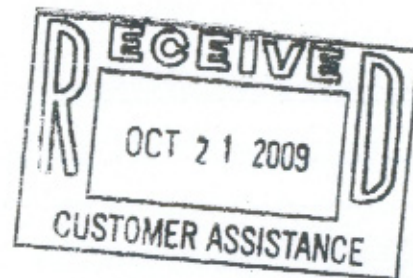
**UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,**

Respondent.

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Paul E. Bleifer, pro se

John P. Wallace, Esq., for respondent



Record Closed: October 9, 2009

Decided: October 15, 2009

**BEFORE RICHARD McGILL, ALJ:**

This matter is a billing dispute between Paul E. Bleifer and United Water New Jersey. The matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on July 21, 2009, for determination as a contested case.

Prior to hearing, the parties agreed to an amicable resolution of the matter and submitted a written Stipulation of Settlement. Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, I **FIND** as follows:

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or the signatures of their representatives.

2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the terms of the settlement, and it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the proceedings in this matter be concluded.

I hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

October 15, 2009

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DATE

Date Received at Agency: 10/21/09

*Rich McGill*  
RICHARD McGILL, ALJ

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vs.	: STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
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UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,	:
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Respondent.:	:
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The parties to this matter having reached a settlement with respect to the above matter, which relates to a disputed water bill of issued by Respondent for Account # 10000997652494, located at 290 McCloud Drive, Fort Lee, New Jersey;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Respondent, United Water New Jersey, will give a credit to Petitioner in the amount of \$16,985.43 for Account # 10000997652494, with respect to a water bill of \$18,085.43, dated September 11, 2008.

2. Petitioner agrees to pay the balance owed on said account amounting to \$1,100.00 on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in addition to current water charges when due. Respondent will apply said credit to Petitioner's said account after said payment



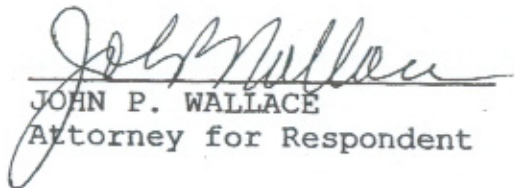
of \$1,100.00 is received by Respondent.

3. Petitioner agrees that the petition in the above matter be and same is hereby withdrawn.

Dated: September , 2009



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